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Re: U.S. Patent Application for
COMMON BACKPLANE FOR ATM, SONET, AND MIXED
ATM/SONET
Our Ref.: 81862.P132

Gentlemen:

Your comments have been incorporated into this final draft application. Enclosed please find: (1) a final draft application with figures; (2) an Assignment document; and (3) a Declaration and Power of Attorney document.

Please review all the documents carefully. If you agree with the statements in the documents, execute and date both the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment where indicated.

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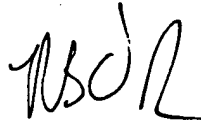
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